

**CITY GOVERNMENT  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL  
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA  
November 3, 2011**

The regular meeting of Council was held this date at 2:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The Invocation was given by Alderman Johnson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The Minutes of the meeting of October 20, 2011 City Council Meeting and the October 20, 2011 Summary/Final Minutes of the City Council Workshop and City Manager's Briefing were approved upon motion of Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Thomas and carried.

PRESENT: Mayor Otis S. Johnson, Presiding  
Mayor Pro-Tem Edna B. Jackson  
Alderman Tony Thomas, Chairman of Council  
Alderman Van Johnson II, Vice-Chairman of Council  
Aldermen Larry Stuber, Clifton Jones, Jeff Felser,  
Mary Osborne and Mary Ellen Sprague

City Manager Rochelle D. Small-Toney  
City Attorney James B. Blackburn

ABSENT: Asst. City Attorneys William W. Shearouse and Lester B. Johnson, III

Alderman Stuber made a motion to reconsider the recommendation from the last meeting of October 20, 2011 to reject all bids to Collins Construction; seconded by Alderman Felser, and carried, with Alderman Johnson voting no.

Alderman Stuber made a motion, not for the purpose of reconsidering, but for the purpose of clarifying his vote. He made a motion to reconsider the Waters Avenue proposal from October 20, 2011 at this meeting; seconded by Alderman Felser. City Attorney Blackburn suggested not taking this motion but to let the petition of Dawn Morgan take its place on the agenda. Mayor Johnson stated there were two different items and they have no relationship to each other. He stated Alderman Stubers' motion was out of order. City Manager Toney stated it is planned to continue with the RFP on Waters Avenue and to bring back to the Council the results of a public/private partnership for Waters Avenue.

**PRESENTATIONS**

The winners of Savannah's 2011 Mayor's DollarWise essay and poster contest which promotes financial education and literacy in cooperation with the United States Conference of Mayors were present. The winners were: Essay contest winners, 1<sup>st</sup> place-Cierra White; 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Lauren Sheldon; 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Calvin Ford and Chase Polak; Poster contest winner – 1<sup>st</sup> place – Victoria Conley (Chatham County Youth Commission).

Mr. Howard J. Morrison was present to thank the Mayor and Aldermen for supporting the Savannah Ocean Exchange and to report on accomplishments and opportunities. Alderman Jackson thanked Mr. Morrison.

Visit Savannah President Joe Marinelli was present to thank City Council and the entire Savannah community for their support of Saturday's Rock 'n' Roll Marathon. Twenty-three thousand people were expected. Josh Furlow, Senior Vice President of Competitors Group was present and thanked the Mayor and Council for their support. Thirty-seven percent of the runners are new runners; 66% are female. He thanked Police Chief Lovett and his staff for their assistance. Alderman Felser asked for post data information.

Alderman Thomas stated Savannah was recently voted one of the top-ten downtowns in America.

A few of the City of Savannah's employees who planned to participate in the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon were present. There were over 54 runners and walkers employees participating; as well as 200 City employees who are volunteering.

## **LEGISLATIVE REPORTS**

As advertised, the following alcoholic license petitions were heard. No one appeared in objection to the issuance of the licenses and upon motion of Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Johnson, and carried, they were approved:

### **ALCOHOL BEVERAGES LICENSE HEARING**

Matthew David Jording for Subdogs Hotdoggerly Inc. t/a Subdogs Hotdoggerly, requesting a beer (drink) license at 5 W. Broughton Street, Unit A, which is a new location between Bull and Whitaker Streets in District 1. (New business at location)

Laney Leon Nelms for Flip Flop Tiki Bar & Grill, Inc. d/b/a Flip Flop Tiki Bar & Grill, requesting a liquor, beer and wine (drink) license with Sunday sales at 117 Whitaker Street, which is a new location between Broughton and State Streets in District 1. (New business at location)

Juanita Hornton Owens t/a Sey Hey Sports Inn & Lounge, requesting to transfer a liquor, beer and wine (drink) license with Sunday sales from Mary Lou Roberts at 2505 Bull Street, which is located between W. 41<sup>st</sup> and W. 42<sup>nd</sup> Streets in District 5. (New ownership/manager)

### **ZONING HEARINGS**

Stratton and Mary Leopold, Owners, Harold Yellin, Agent (Z-111012-3403-2), requesting an amendment to the Historic Building Map (established in Section 8-3030(f), Historic District, Classification of structures, of the City of Savannah Zoning Ordinance) to remove the "Historic" classification from the property located at 720-722 Habersham Street. The structure is requested to be classified as "non-historic" as provided in the section listed above. The Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) recommends approval to remove the "historic" classification from this property from the Historic Building Map because the building no longer possesses the historic integrity required to convey its significance. The removal of historic fabric has most likely precluded eligibility for the state and federal tax credit program and historic designation. Recommend approval of the MPC recommendation.

Ardis Wood and Daniel Carey asked Council to reconsider reclassifying the property. Attorney Harold Yelling spoke on behalf of the owners Leopold's.

Alderman Stuber asked if it was approved, when they would start construction; Mr. Leopold stated the next day. Alderman Thomas asked the plans for the building and Mr. Leopold stated a small retail with manufacturing ice cream. Alderman Thomas stated Mr. Leopold and his family were ambassadors for the City. Alderman Jones stated this issue has been around a long time and he believed the Council should give Mr. Leopold the opportunity to make this a better location than it is now; and that the integrity of the building was important. Alderman Sprague asked if he would reconsider the vinyl siding; Mr. Leopold stated he had already bought it and at this time he didn't know. Alderman Felser thanked Mr. Yellin for bringing the vinyl siding to their attention; it helped with the decision making. Alderman Johnson stated history was important but it needed to make sense. Alderman Jackson stated she did not want to see the building boarded up.

Alderman Stuber made a motion to end the public hearing; seconded by Alderman Thomas and carried. Upon motion of Alderman Osborne; seconded by Alderman Jones and carried, the request was granted.

## **PETITIONS**

Chance Raehn for Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation – Petition 13515, requesting that the name of Lummus Drive (located in Crossroads Business Center) be changed to Innovation Drive. Lummus Drive was created several years ago and was named for the first business located on it, Lummus Industries Inc., a cotton ginning supplier. Lummus Industries has ceased operation at this location and has sold the building to Gulfstream. The petitioner has worked with MPC to make sure that the requested name would not duplicate an existing street name. The petitioner has also provided MPC with a letter of support from the only other landowner located on this roadway. Upon motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Felser and carried, the petition was granted.

Don Ferguson, property manager for Mopper Stapen Management, representing River Homes of News Place East (and West) Condominium Association Inc. – Petition 13462, requesting to encroach onto City right-of-way at W. Bay Lane between Barnard and Whitaker Streets (100 block of W. Bay Street). The encroachment is for the installation of two sets of bollards on the north side of the lane, one set located on the Barnard Street side, and the other set closer to Whitaker Street. The proposal is to install the bollards 2' off the building façade and approximately 13' feet apart, centered on the respective gas meter. (Bollards were installed on the south side of this lane by the developer.) The bollards are used to protect meters from vehicular damage and ultimately a gas line break. Water Resources and Public Works, Sanitation, and Development Services recommend approval provided all underground utilities are field located and verified prior to installation of the bollards and the Condominium Association accepts responsibility for maintenance of the bollards. The President of the Board of Directors over the Condominium Association has signed a letter accepting all responsibility and associated liability. All City permitting and construction guidelines must be followed. Recommend advising the petitioner that all underground utilities must be field located and verified prior to installation of the bollards to avoid any damage; that the Condominium Association is responsible for maintenance of the bollards and associated liability; and that all City permitting and construction guidelines must be followed. Recommend further advising the petitioner that the encroachment grants no ownership rights to the property and that, if ever required, the bollards must be removed at the petitioner's expense. Upon motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Felser and carried, the petition was granted

Debra Sorkin – Petition 13430, requesting an encroachment for an existing fence located in the City right-of-way on the easterly side of her property at 524 E. Henry Street, fronting Java Place. This fence was installed prior to the Sorkin's purchase of the property in 2009. At the time of the Sorkin's purchase, they were unaware of the encroachment violation. Their request is to keep the fence in its current location. Water Resources and Public Works, Sanitation, Traffic Engineering, and Development Services all recommended stipulations for approval. Recommend advising the petitioner that the property owner must remove the fence from the City right-of-way whenever a sidewalk is constructed; if and when the City needs to utilize the area of encroachment within the right-of-way, the property owners will remove the fence at their own cost as per City specifications; the City be held harmless for maintenance and liability of the fence, and upon transfer of the property the future owner(s) must be made aware of this agreement; and if and when the fence is ever renovated, altered, or moved all City permitting and construction guidelines must be followed. Recommend further advising the petitioner that the encroachment grants no ownership rights to the property and that, if ever required, the structure(s) must be removed at the owner's expense. Upon motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Felser and carried, the petition was granted

Dawn Morgan, President of Collins Construction Services, Inc. – Petition 13532, requesting that City Council reconsider its October 20, 2011 approval to reject all bids and seek new bids for the reduced scope of work for Roundhouse Complex for Coastal Heritage Society – Bid No. 11.162. Bids received from three pre-qualified bidders

exceeded the project's available budget. Negotiations were conducted with the low bidder as allowed by state law to reduce the scope but it was determined that the significant change in scope (which reduced the low bidder's price from \$1,548,929.31 to \$618,822.89) warranted rebidding the project. Recommend upholding Council's decision to seek bids on the significantly reduced scope of work.

City Manager Toney stated at the last meeting Council decided to reject the bids related to this project and throughout the discussion it was clear they needed to go back and see what had transpired. She recommended the decision stay as it was, because after review it was apparent the scope of the work had been reduced. She stated it would be ill-advised to award it at \$1.5 million and then pull out 6% of the cost. She suggested releasing a reduced scope and allow everyone who has an interest in the project to bid appropriately and be evaluated.

Alderman Jones stated he had reservations based on the information they had received. Alderman Stuber stated when it first came before the Council and the City Manager recommended it be awarded to Collins Construction, it was based on 10-items in the proposal. There was only one item that was changed and it was valued at about \$10-15,000. At the time the City staff recommended they were complying with the bidding laws. In his judgment it was the correct way to award a contract; he supported it then and now. However, the Council is concerned with change orders. Collins Construction has a history with the City. Ms. Morgan cited her previous contracts with the City. Ms. Morgan stated they bid this job in August, 2011. They were a pre-qualified company. Her team visited the site 6-times and visited with the sub-contractors. They had 59% WBE on the project. Alderman Felser asked her to repeat that last statement. She stated they were approached, as the low bidder, per GA state law, that they wanted to negotiate with Collins Construction. Therefore, her team spent 2-months meeting with the owners, and the engineers picking the project apart and pricing every section; this was an open book process. They went line-by-line of what could be taken out; they got down to \$618,000 which was a negotiated deal and they (Collins) thought the deal was theirs. They were surprised when it was rejected and if it goes out for re-bid, Collins has already done the work and redesign and the City will spend more money on what they (Collins) have done for free.

Alderman Thomas said he raised the question because of the significant variable in costs. His concern was change orders. He asked if her company would pay the difference. She stated they have reviewed it so closely that it was not possible. He asked her once again if she would pay the difference and she stated they had to under contract. Alderman Thomas stated he thought it was a fair question; Ellis Square project set the threshold for his reasoning. Alderman Osborne asked her if she can guarantee this cost of the job and Ms. Morgan stated they could. Alderman Jones stated this was a contract that was negotiated at one price and re-negotiated at another. Ms. Morgan stated no, that it was low-bid originally then negotiated down, per GA state law. He stated he did not feel the Council should hold her accountable for the other contractors' mistakes.

City Manager Toney stated she wanted to make sure everyone was comparing apples-to-apples, and oranges-to-oranges. She stated, the scope of the project has been reduced. The re-negotiated price is not on the same project. Peter Shonka stated the changes of the nature of the project. Ms. Morgan stated the decision was not made at the time of bid, to reduce the scope of the project and put it out for re-bid and re-design; however, Collins Construction are the ones who did the re-design and got it down to a budgeted price. Alderman Felser asked when her company was created; to which she stated 1992. How long she had been doing business with the City and how many contracts she had had with the City; and she stated dozens. During the dozens of contracts had she ever gone back to the City with a large modification order; and she stated no. He asked her if her facts were correct that the City has used her company for two months to get the project down lower and now wants to go out and re-bid the project and not compensate her; she stated yes. Mayor Johnson stated that was a leading question and the answer was her opinion only. She stated that was correct and she did not want to appear negative. He stated he needed to hear the City's take on the project. Peter Shonka stated he was looking at the original scope and the bid document for it, and the negotiated scope. Both scopes were wide-ranged on the type of work that is being bid on and presented. The original project has

about \$700,000 in deep excavations, shoring, pipe placement, pipe re-placement, etc. The majority of that type of work has been removed. It is work that will have to be done if there is an expansion, but not at this point. Alderman Jackson asked why the other bidders were not allowed to re-do their bids as Collins Construction did. Alderman Stuber stated because it was against the law. Alderman Sprague stated if it were not for Scott Smith, the City would not have near as many cultural building as now. He has an engineer on staff that has gone through this project carefully. This project has been delayed many times and the City desperately needs a children's museum. Alderman Stuber asked Ms. Morgan if her company could perform the work in the contract, as it is written this date, without any increase in cost; to which she stated they could. Alderman Johnson stated he did not think the process was fair to the individuals who previously bid on the project. Alderman Stuber stated he felt it was unfair for Ms. Morgan because she has done the work and she would be at an unfair advantage if it is put out for rebid; in all fairness the City owes her the contract. Alderman Johnson stated he knew Ms. Morgan was in an unfair position; however, that kind of situation with the City should not happen again. That kind of negotiation puts everyone in a bad situation. The wishes of the Council are clear to the City Manager; the process needs to be cleared-up. Alderman Sprague made the motion to reconsider and award the contract to Collins Construction Company, seconded by Alderman Thomas and carried.

Mayor Johnson stated the Council has talked about the bidding process of the City for years; and yet these kinds of situations and discussions still arise. He encouraged the new Mayor and Council to make this a priority on their agenda; to make sure there is a transparent process. Also, that the Council and City staff understands the process, and carries out the process. It will be up to the new Council to do the due diligence to make sure the process is carried out.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

Criminal Justice System Concerns. A resolution to address concerns about public safety and the criminal justice system.

### **A RESOLUTION BY THE SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL ADDRESSING PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS REGARDING STATE OF GEORGIA COMMUNITY SUPERVISED AND WORK RELEASE OFFENDERS COMMITTING REPEAT AND VIOLENT OFFENSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Savannah City Council approved conversion and design of a warehouse located at 309 Stiles Avenue into a 200 bed transitional center for Georgia State Privatization on December 16, 2002. The facility, known as Coastal Transitional Center, currently houses over 250 work release inmates; and

**WHEREAS**, violent inmates account for 48% of Coastal Transitional Center's work release inmates, including a sex offender, violating O.C.G.A 42-1-14 ( *prohibits any individual who is required to register to reside, work, or loiter within 1,000 feet of any child care facility, church, school, or areas where minors congregate*); and

**WHEREAS**, reduced correctional and counseling staff has impacted community supervision, accountability, and compliance; thus, perpetuating criminal activity, crime victims, and new felony charges as evident by increased report of escape and new felony arrests; and

**WHEREAS**, Savannah-Chatham County has an average of 1,000 individuals released annually; however, 67% Coastal Transitional Center's work release inmates are Non-Chatham County residents creating further strain on local reentry resources and services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Georgia Department of Corrections increased bed space at Coastal Transitional Center without consideration of adequate community supervision/accountability; increased funding for reentry and rehabilitative services and the overall impact on public safety; and

**WHEREAS,** Savannah-Chatham County has nearly 7,000 active state probationer and parolee cases (juvenile and adults) of which 14% have active warrants; and

**WHEREAS,** State budget reductions influenced community supervision, accountability and rehabilitative services necessary for successful community reentry. In that, case management standards have been immobilized. Additionally, jail and prison overcrowding has lead to early release without adequate intensive case management resources for compliance; and

**WHEREAS,** probationers account for approximately 30% of individuals detained at the Chatham County Detention Center, this is an addition to 100+ individuals awaiting transport to a state institution. Consequently, offender services are obtained while in custody; however, discontinued upon release; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Savannah City Council wishes to meet with Governor Deal, Lieutenant Governor Cagle, the Georgia General Assembly leadership, the Commissioners of Correction, Pardons and Parole, Department of Juvenile Justice, Department of Human Services, and the Chatham County Legislative Delegation to discuss the issues presented in this resolution.

Adopted and approved this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2011, upon motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Felser and carried.

### **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

Authorization to Submit H-1B Technical Skills Grant Proposal. The Coastal Workforce Investment Board has been asked to be the lead entity for submittal of H-1B Technical Skills Grant proposal. In this grant proposal, 16 area economic development, workforce development, and training institutions (the Coastal Empire Advanced Manufacturing Training Alliance) will partner with area businesses to address a critical need for electrical technicians, machinists, chemical plant operators, machine operators and welders while simultaneously helping area residents get the skills they need to secure high-skilled, high-wage jobs. Proposed members of the Alliance include: Georgia Southern University, Savannah Technical College, Savannah Economic Development Authority, Georgia Employers Association, Coastal Regional Commission of Georgia, Effingham Career Academy, and others. In this grant proposal, the Alliance is requesting \$3 million from the US Department of Labor to train 300 area residents over three years and develop a sustainable apprenticeship-based training model. The Coastal Workforce Investment Board would be the lead entity with Coastal Workforce Services (CWS) acting as the administrative entity and the City of Savannah as the fiscal agent. Based upon the structure of the proposal and the guidelines of the grant solicitation, there is no match requirement. The deadline for the grant proposal submission is November 17, 2011. Upon motion by Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Felser and carried the grant was approved.

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Upon motion of Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Sprague and carried, the following **bids, contracts and agreements** were approved:

### **BIDS, CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS**

Miscellaneous Water Lines Engineering Services – RFP No. 11.190. Approval to procure consultant services for Miscellaneous Water Lines Engineering Services from EMC Engineering in the amount of \$134,380.00. This project includes design and construction services for the replacement of existing water distribution mains in Daffin Drive, Duffy Street, Florance Avenue, Lincoln Street, and Whitfield Avenue. The purpose of this project is to improve water quality and reduce maintenance requirements in the selected portions of the City’s water distribution system by replacing undersized and deteriorated water mains, and eliminating dead end water mains in the existing system. The work will include design of the water lines and other related items,

including permitting, specification and drawing preparation, bidding services, construction services, and other items that may be required by local, State or Federal regulations. The method used for this procurement was the Request for Proposal (RFP) which evaluates criteria in addition to price. Criteria evaluated for this project were experience, the proposed team, the project approach, schedule, MWBE participation and locality of the proposing firm in addition to price. A total of eleven firms responded to the request for proposal. Of those, five proposers were not considered highly qualified based on the requirements of the RFP. The remaining six were considered for further evaluation. Delivery: 4 Months. Terms: Net-30 Days. Funds are available in the 2011 Budget, Capital Improvements Fund/Capital Improvements Project/Other Costs/Miscellaneous Water Line Improvements (Account No. 311-9207-52842-WT622).

Steel Strain Poles and Mast Arm Poles – One Time Purchase – Bid No. 11.191. Approval to procure mast arm and strain poles from Graybar Electric in the amount of \$32,742.00. The poles will be used by Traffic Engineering for the LaRoche/Delesseps widening project. Delivery: 9-11 Weeks. Terms: Net-30 Days. Funds are available in the 2011 Budget, Capital Improvement Fund/Capital Improvement Projects/Other Costs LaRoche/Delesseps Widening (Account No. 311-9207-52842-TE305).

Combination Cleaner Truck – One Time Purchase – Bid No. 11.193. Approval to procure one combination cleaner truck from Adams Equipment Co., Inc. in the amount of \$287,418.00. The truck will be used by Stormwater to replace unit 4200 which is no longer economical to repair or operate. The reason for not selecting the low bidder is that P & H Supply Co., Inc. did not meet several key safety specifications. The main concern was City specifications required the hose reel to be mounted in the rear of the vehicle. P & H Supply submitted a front-mounted hose reel. Delivery: 150 Days. Terms: Net-30 Days. Funds are available in the 2011 Budget, Vehicular Replacement Fund/Vehicular Purchases/Vehicular Equipment (Account No. 611-9230-515150.)

Uniforms and Related Items for Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department – Annual Contract – Bid No. 11.119. Approval to award an annual contract for uniform and related items to Patrick's Uniforms, (Items 1-14, 16-23, 25, 28-34, 37, 40, 42, 44-63) for a total of \$270,283.25; Artistic Designs (Items 15 a-d, 24, 35-36, 38-39) for a total of \$30,156.75; Quartermaster, Inc. (Items 26, 41 and 43) for a total of \$4,586.25; Reflective Apparel Factory (Item 27) for a total of \$1,083.75 and a grand total of \$306,110.00. These items will be used by the Police Department to fit officers and maintain quartermaster storeroom inventory. The low bidder for items 2-3.6-7, 11, 15 (c), 20, 22, 41, 43-46, 49-50, 57, and 60, Quartermaster Inc., does not have a local facility with staff to provide measurements and maintain a 20% inventory of items as specified in the bid. Quartermaster Inc. proposed that the City maintain this inventory on City property and that one of its staff persons make a single visit to measure all employees. This would not meet the specifications requiring measurement on an as needed basis plus the City does not have facilities or staff to maintain inventory. The remaining items are recommended for award to the lowest bidder meeting specifications. Delivery: As Required. Terms: Net-30 Days. Funds are available in the 2011 Budget, General Fund/Information Management Division/Clothing Laundry (Account No. 101.4240-51310.)

Well Maintenance – Annual Contract Renewal – Bid No. 11.219. Approval to renew an annual contract for well maintenance services from Rowe Drilling in the amount of \$139,362.00. The services will be used by Water Supply and Treatment to repair and maintain the potable wells throughout the water system. This is the last of two renewal options available. Delivery: As Needed. Terms: Net-30 Days. Funds are available in the 2011 Budget, I & D Water Operating Fund/I & D Water operations & Maintenance/Equipment Maintenance, Water & Sewer Operating Fund/Water Supply & Treatment/Equipment Maintenance, Capital Improvements Fund/Capital Improvements Projects/Other Costs/Well Preventative Maintenance Program, Capital Improvements Fund/Capital Improvements Projects/Other Costs/Well Maintenance (Account Nos. 531-2581-51250, 521-2502-51250, 311-9207-52842-WT320 and 311-9207-52842-WT219).

Corrosion Control Additive – Annual Contract Renewal – Bid No. 11.220. Renewed an annual contract to procure corrosion control additive from Pristine Water Solutions in the amount of \$120,000.00. The corrosion control additive is needed in the City's water

distribution system. There is only one source for this specialized chemical available, therefore the contract was negotiated. Prices have remained stable from the previous contract period. Funds are available in the 2011 Budget, I & D Operating Fund/I & D Operating & Maintenance/Chemicals (Account No. 531-2581-51323.)

Incinerator Maintenance – Annual Contract Renewal – Bid No. 11.218. Renewed an annual contract to procure incinerator maintenance from Atlantic Firebrick in the amount of \$43,502.23. The maintenance will be performed at the President Street Water Reclamation Plant to maintain the furnaces used to burn biosolids remaining from the water treatment process. This is the second of two renewal options available. Delivery: As Needed. Terms: Net-30 Days. Funds are available in the 2011 Budget, Water & Sewer Fund/President Street Plant/Equipment Maintenance (Account No. 521-2553-51250.)

Pump Repair for Water Reclamation Department – Annual Contract Renewal – Bid No. 11.217. Recommend renewing an annual contract to procure pump repair from GPM Environmental in the amount of \$45,920.00. The repair services will be used by Water Quality Control for routine repairs to the pumps at the wastewater treatment plants. The reason for not originally selecting the low bidder is that Industrial Electro-Mechanics failed to submit specifications requiring qualified staff certified in pump repair and for its primary business to be pump repair. The low bidder is primarily an electric motor repair facility and only submitted staff experience for motor repair. Delivery: As Needed. Terms: Net-30 Days. Funds are available in the 2011 Budget, Water & Sewer Fund/President Street Plant/Small Plants/Other Contractual Services (Account No. 521-2553/2554-51295.)

Vehicle Batteries – Annual Contract – Bid No. 11.208. Recommend awarding an annual contract to procure vehicle batteries from Interstate Battery System of Savannah in the amount of \$37,331.17. The batteries will be used by the Vehicle Maintenance Department. Bids were received September 27, 2011. This bid has been advertised, opened and reviewed. Delivery: As Needed. Terms: Net-30 Days. The bidders were: L.B.<sup>(D)</sup> Interstate Battery System of Savannah = \$37,331.17; The Parts House = \$37,824.88; O'Reilly Auto Parts = \$46,918.49. Funds are available in the 2011 Budget, Internal Service Fund/Inventory Vehicle Parts (Account No. 611-0000-11325.) A Pre-Bid Conference was conducted and one vendor attended. <sup>(D)</sup>Indicates non-local non-minority owned business. Upon motion by Alderman Felser, seconded by Alderman Johnson and carried, the request was continued until November 17, 2011.

There being no further business, Mayor Johnson declared this meeting of Council adjourned.



Dyanne C. Reese  
Clerk of Council